



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

**AGENDA**

**Meeting of October 2, 2002**

10:00 a.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Minutes of August 14, 2002 meeting.
2. Ratification of Minutes of September 13, 2002 special meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Political Party Committee Accounts: Based upon the Commission's action on August 14, 2002, and in response to the Commission's request for information, the Maine Democratic Party and the Maine Republican Party responded with information regarding their various accounting entities. A copy of that correspondence is provided for information. The Maine Green Independent Party did not respond. No further action by the Commission is contemplated.

4. Repeal of 21A M.R.S.A. §1020-A(4) and (5) (8/1/02): Based upon the Commission's action on August 14, 2002, a letter has been prepared to notify the legislative leadership of the repeal of the Commission's penalty authority regarding candidate campaign finance reports and requesting appropriate action by the Legislature to rectify that situation. The draft letter is submitted for consideration and signature.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Late Political Action Committee Campaign Finance Reports:

A. Dirigo Alliance PAC; George A. Christie, Treasurer:

1. April Quarterly Report  
Due: 4/10/02      Filed: 7/10/02 - 91 days late  
Penalty: \$91.00
2. 6-Day Pre-Primary Report  
Due: 6/5/02;      Filed: 7/12/02  
Penalty: \$1,110.00

**Recommendation:** Assess penalties totaling \$1,201.00

B. Libertarian Party of Maine, Jeff Sherman, Treasurer:

- 6-Day Pre-Primary Report  
Due: 6/5/02      Filed: 7/1/02 - 26 days late  
No previous violation this biennium  
Penalty: \$1,864.20

**Recommendation:** Assess \$932.10 penalty

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6. William C. Collins, House District 27 Candidate, Request for Matching Funds: By letter dated September 22, 2002, Mr. Collins requested the release of matching funds based upon the reported expenditures of his opponent in the general election. Based upon the application of the matching fund formula in the Commission's Maine Clean Election Act implementing rules, the Director determined that Mr. Collins is not eligible for receipt of matching funds. This matter is referred to the Commission for review.

7. Hon. Michael J. McAlevey Certification as Maine Clean Election Act Candidate; Appeal by Opponent: This is an appeal by Hon. Richard A. Nass, Mr. McAlevey's opponent in the general election contest for Senate District 34. Mr. McAlevey was certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate on September 27, 2002. Mr. Nass appealed that certification under the authority and provisions of 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1125(14). Mr. McAlevey was an unsuccessful, nonparticipating candidate in the June Republican Primary Election. Thereafter, the Democratic Party nominated Mr. McAlevey on August 29, 2002, to replace the primary election nominee who withdrew from the general election for health reasons. Mr. McAlevey filed a Declaration of Intent and Request for Certification to be a MCEA replacement candidate within the 30-day qualifying period provided by the statute. Upon confirmation that he fulfilled the qualifying requirements, Mr. McAlevey was certified on September 30, 2002. Mr. Nass has appealed that certification.

8. Report of Status of Non-Filers, Late Filers, and Referrals to the Attorney General: Oral report by the Director on the status of candidates who have not filed required reports with the Commission and those who have filed late reports, including those filing more than 30 days late and reported zero activity for the reporting period; and report by Commission Counsel Gardiner on the status of individuals who have been referred to the Attorney General's Office for appropriate collection action.

9. Information Only: Matthew D. Manahan, Esq., by letter dated September 23, 2002, confirms the substance of a conversation with the Commission Director regarding the campaign contribution issue of the continuation of health and dental insurance coverage by a person who takes a leave of absence from employment to work temporarily on a political campaign.

**ADJOURNMENT**